

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 11 and 12 are amended.

Claims 28-31 are new.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A magnetic head device comprising:

a fastening member having a cantilevered arm portion;

a head main body for applying a magnetic field to an information recording medium; and

a suspension that is cantilevered by the fastening member, provided with a supporting portion for connecting and supporting the head main body on a side of a free end and has an elastically-deformable elastic portion and a rigid body portion that can be considered to be rigid;

wherein the arm portion comprises a contacting portion, and

the contacting portion contacts the elastic portion so that the elastic portion is deformed elastically when the head main body is located away from the information recording medium.

12. (Currently Amended) A magnetic head device comprising:

a fastening member having a cantilevered arm portion;

a head main body for applying a magnetic field to an information recording medium; and

a suspension that is cantilevered by the fastening member, provided with a supporting portion for connecting and supporting the head main body on a side of a free end and has a first elastic portion on a side of a fastened end and a second elastic portion

on a side of the free end, the first elastic portion and the second elastic portion being elastically deformable, and a rigid body portion that can be considered to be rigid;

wherein the arm portion comprises a first contacting portion and a second contacting portion, and

the first contacting portion contacts the first elastic portion so that the first elastic portion is deformed elastically the second contacting portion contacts the second elastic portion or the head main body so that the second elastic portion is deformed elastically when the head main body is located away from the information recording medium.

13-27 (Canceled)

28. (New) The magnetic head device according to claim 12, wherein the second contacting portion contacts the second elastic portion or the head main body on the side of the free end of the suspension with respect to the supporting portion when the head main body is located away from the information recording medium.

29. (New) The magnetic head device according to claim 11, wherein the head main body does not protrude beyond the fastening member on an opposite side of the information recording medium when the head main body is located away from the information recording medium.

30. (New) The magnetic head device according to claim 12, wherein the arm portion further comprises a third contacting portion, and the third contacting portion contacts the head main body on the side of the fastened end of the suspension with respect to the supporting portion when the head main body is located away from the information recording medium.

31. (New) The magnetic head device according to claim 12, wherein the head main body comprises a magnetic pole core, and a surface of the magnetic pole core opposing to a recording surface of the information recording medium is substantially parallel to the

recording surface when the head main body is located away from the information recording medium.